

RHIC and AGS Users Executive Committee Monthly Meeting

Second Thursday of each month, Noon-2:00 PM (Eastern)

11/09/2017

Today's Guest



Dr. Abhay Deshpande

Professor at SUNY Stonybrook & Director of EIC Science at BNL

<https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=212422>

Prof. Abhay Deshpande works in experimental nuclear and high energy physics. His research includes various exploratory and precision studies in QCD using polarized proton-proton, proton-nucleus and nucleus-nucleus beams of the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at BNL; and high intensity polarized electron beams of the recently upgraded JLAB facility in Newport News, Virginia. He is deeply involved with the development of the science and promotion of the future Electron Ion Collider.

- **Ph.D. from Yale University (1995)**
- **RIKEN BNL Research Center Fellow (2000-2007) (now Sr. Fellow)**
- **Director of Undergraduate Studies, Physics & Astronomy (2010-2014)**
- **Director of EIC Science & Director of the newly created SBU/BNL Center for Frontiers in Nuclear Science.**
- **350+ Publications**

His activities have focused on understanding QCD by probing the momentum and spin structure of the proton in terms of its fundamental components (quarks and gluons) and their dynamics. Abhay has performed experiments at CERN (Spin Muon Collaboration), at DESY (ZEUS), and BNL (RHIC/PHENIX/proton-polarimetry).

A few talking points with Abhay



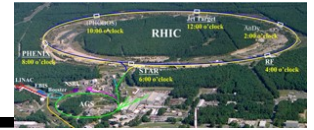
- **Breadth and scope of the job for the Director of EIC Science**
- **The NAS study, news and progress**
- **Timescale for an EIC**
- **Why should a young person be interested in an EIC when there are other options such as FRIB?**
- **What can we (the RHIC Users Community) do to help given that an EIC Users Group already exists?**

UEC Membership



Name	Position	Term	Affiliation
<u>Jim Thomas</u>	Chair	6/17 - 6/18	<u>The Berkeley Lab</u>
<u>Rosi Reed</u>	Chair Elect	6/17 - 6/18	<u>Lehigh University</u>
<u>Lijuan Ruan</u>	Past Chair	6/17 - 6/18	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Megan Connors</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Georgia State University</u>
<u>Brett Fadem</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Muhlenberg College</u>
<u>Justin Frantz</u>	Member	6/17 - 6/20	<u>Ohio University</u>
<u>Tony Frawley</u>	Member	6/17 - 6/20	<u>Florida State University</u>
<u>Jacquelyn Noronha-Hostler</u>	Member	6/17 - 6/20	<u>Rutgers University</u>
<u>Claudia Ratti</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>University of Houston</u>
<u>Sevil Salur</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Rutgers University</u>
<u>Bjoern Schenke</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Bernd Surrow</u>	Member	6/15 - 6/18	<u>Temple University</u>
<u>Aihong Tang</u>	Member	6/16 - 6/19	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Kenneth Barish</u>	Appointed Member	6/17 - 6/19	<u>UC Riverside</u>
<u>Gabor David</u>	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	<u>SUNY @ Stony Brook</u>
<u>Peter Petreczky</u>	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Matthew Posik</u>	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	<u>Temple University</u>
<u>Daniel Brandenburg</u>	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	<u>Rice University</u>
<u>Alexander Jentsch</u>	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	<u>University of Texas</u>
<u>Li Yi</u>	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	<u>Yale University</u>
<u>Doon Gibbs</u>	Ex-Officio Member		<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Hong Ma</u>	Ex-Officio Member		<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Berndt Mueller</u>	Ex-Officio Member		<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>
<u>Thomas Roser</u>	Ex-Officio Member		<u>Brookhaven National Laboratory</u>

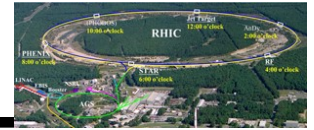
Kelly and Kathy's Corner



- Kelly and Kathy's notes & important news

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How are LBGTQ issues handled around the world



LGBT CERN

*Without colors,
there's no
strong interaction.*

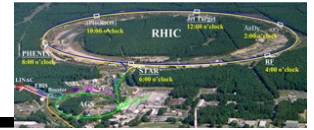
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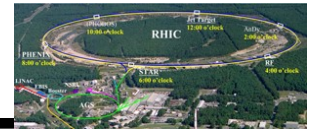
- It is useful to note how our colleagues and competitors from around the world deal with Diversity and Inclusion issues
- For example, the restrooms at Cambridge City Hall are labelled:
1, 2, 3 and 4
Swiss style private stalls

Update on the DNP Meeting



- Room is secure, waiting to hear back from organizers on food
- Kelly has designed the flier
- 2 speakers on HI and Spin
 - Isaac Upsal
 - Jim Drachenberg
- Indico page is already set up at:
 - <https://indico.bnl.gov/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=3714>
 - There will be a bluejeans link to the meeting

A very successful meeting ... Thank You Rosi and Kelly et al.



- **An opportunity for Rosi to report on additional UEC news and events**



- **An opportunity for LiJuan to report on additional UEC news and events**

The Annual Users Meeting

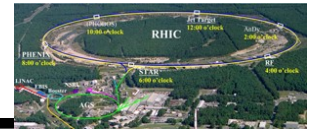


- **Our single biggest activity – serious work to begin in January**
 - Workshops
 - Plenary sessions
 - Typically Tuesday – Friday, mid to late June
 - Chair of the Organizing Committee will be Prof. Rosi Reed
- **Save the Date**
 - Tell your Friends, tell our Competitors(!)
 - June 12 – 15, 2018
 - (Actually, it is very important that we advertise this date so that competing meetings don't accidentally overlap our dates. For example, the BNL Physics Department Colloquium committee, Quark Matter and the JLAB Users Meeting.)

Things to remember



- **UEC Monthly Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each Month**
 - **October 12th** **Director Gibbs**
 - **November 9th** **Abhay Deshpande**
 - **December 14th** **Thomas Roser**
 - **January 11th** **Michael Thoennessen (APS, formerly MSU/FRIB)**
- **Primary Web address for the UEC** (it is a little slow, so be patient)
 - <http://www.rhicuec.org>
- **Communication with the UEC**
 - rhic-uec-members@listservers.net
- **Communication with the UEC Leadership & Management Team**
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Backup Slides

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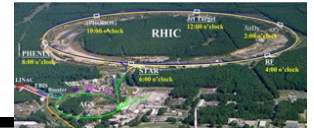
What do we do? (its not just food and rusty water)



- **BNL LD-16 Committee Handbook - AGS/RHIC Users Executive Committee**
 - The Group's purpose is to provide an organized channel for the interchange of information between the Laboratory administration and those who use BNL's nuclear, high-energy, and heavy-ion, radiobiological, and testing facilities. Representing a wide spectrum of research workers, the group will make known to the BNL administration the needs and desires of those actively engaged in leading research projects, while providing a means for BNL to inform them of current and future plans for the Laboratory. It is expected that this will enable the Laboratory administration better to evaluate the needs of its users' so they can more efficiently plan their use of Laboratory facilities.

Our primary purpose is to communicate important issues to lab management, and vice-versa. BNL is a User Facility and so Users and Management need to communicate constructively in order to ensure a successful laboratory.

Funding, Politics and Programmatics



- **We invented several new activities last year**
 - They have tremendous merit and I would like to propose that we pursue them again this year

1. Letter to Congress

- A letter to our congressional representatives recommending robust support for Science Funding
- Authors to be solicited at the AUM – the timing is perfect

Perhaps Justin + Volunteer can draft a template & report back in 2 months

2. Recommend a slate of Candidate for the APS/DNP Executive Committee

- Ask RHIC Users to send nominations to DNP Nominating Committee
- Slate of candidates to be selected by UEC, and signatures solicited at AUM. Again, the timing is perfect ... due by July 1st.

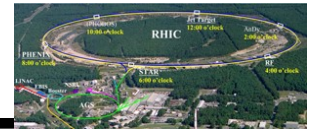
Two Volunteers (raise your hand) to evaluate past candidates and past winners to tell us what to look for in a candidate. See DNP newsletters. Report back to the UEC in 2 months time.

Washington DC: lobbying Congress



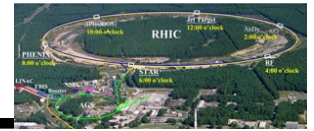
- **Lobbying Congress on behalf of the RHIC & AGS facilities, but also all of Nuclear Science**
 - A trip to DC in April or May
 - We never criticize another facility, but we do speak to our representatives about the importance of Nuclear Science to the economy and the Nation.
 - We try to visit as many RHIC & AGS Congressional Delegations as possible
 - All UEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend
 - This is a private trip (i.e. you pay) because this is actual lobbying and we can't use government resources to pay for the trip. In fact, I shouldn't even be showing you this slide :-)
- **This is a very important activity ... it does make a difference**
 - Please send you private (non-governmental) email address to Kelly and Jim so we can communicate with you.

Open Forums



- **We conduct an open forum twice a year: at the Fall DNP Meeting and at the Annual Users Meeting**
 - **The goal is to hear directly from Users regarding issues that affect User research & productivity while using BNL facilities**
- **The Fall DNP Meeting is held in October**
 - **We usually have a brief professional meeting and dinner/social in conjunction with the Open Forum**
 - **Rosi has all the details**
- **The Annual Users Meeting is held in June**

Communication with BNL Management



- For the past several years, Kathy has done an outstanding job of organizing monthly meetings with BNL Management
 - RHIC and Light Source Chair's attending
- We should keep doing that ... if she has the energy to continue organizing those meetings
- But I would also like to invite BNL managers to our Monthly UEC meetings in order to have a pleasantly stimulating discussion about research and life at BNL.
 - Eg. EIC discussions, NSAC Long Range Plan discussions
- I propose to invite one Manager per month to our meetings
 - Lunch time (Eastern) to keep it casual
 - Noon to 2:00 PM (Eastern) if we have a guest
 - Noon to 1:00 PM (Eastern) business meeting, only, if we don't have a guest

Welcome to our New Members



- **Welcome!!**
 - **Ken Barish** (UC Riverside)
 - **Daniel Brandenburg** (Rice U.)
 - **Tony Frawley** (Florida State U.)
 - **Alex Jentsch** (Univ. of Texas)
 - **Li Yi** (Yale U.)
- **and two “grizzled veterans” who are back for a 2nd campaign**
 - **Justin Franz** (Ohio U.)
 - **Jaki Noronha-Hostler** (Rutgers)
- **New Chair-Elect**
 - **Rosi Reed** (Lehigh U.)
- **and a huge Thank you to our Past Chair(s)**
 - **LiJuan Ruan** (BNL)
 - **Justin Franz** (now past-past Chair)

The Returning Team



- and Thank you to the returning members
 - **Megan Connors** (Georgia State U.)
 - **Brett Fadem** (Muhlenberg College)
 - **Claudia Ratti** (Univ. of Houston)
 - **Sevil Salur** (Rutgers U.)
 - **Bjoern Schenke** (BNL)
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Please report any errors to Jim and/or Kelly